



**Agenda Item Number: 2006-5-6B**

## **BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**Meeting Date:** May 9, 2006

**Department:** County Clerk   **Staff Contact:** Mary Herrera, County Clerk  
Jaime Diaz, BOE Administrator  
Julie M. Baca, Deputy County  
Manager, Community Services Division

**TITLE:** 2006 Primary Election Budget

**ACTION:** Motion to approve \$560,850 budget and transfer funding from year-end clean up for primary election.

### **SUMMARY:**

In compliance with the Election Code (1-1-1 NMSA 1978), the County of Bernalillo shall conduct a Primary Election on the first Tuesday in June of each even numbered year. The date of the 2006 Primary Election will be June 6, 2006.

The budget for the 2006 Primary Election was proposed as an item in the FY 2005/2006 budget. It was determined by management and the County Clerk that this item should be brought back and approved by the Board of County Commissioners separately.

The County Clerk requests a budget in the amount of \$560,850, which includes the following items necessary for the County Clerk's Office to conduct the 2006 Primary Election:

BC01-510600-18BE	Temporary/Term/Other	\$248,270
BC01-510700-18BE	Overtime	\$ 35,000
BC01-520700-18BE	Ballots	\$178,580
BC01-521100-18BE	Publishing	\$ 7,500
BC01-560100-18BE	Contractual Services	\$ 70,000
BC01-566200-18BE	Election Expense	<u>\$ 21,500</u>
		\$560,850

The overtime for regular employees and the budget for seventy (70) temporary employees are necessary to staff the required early voting sites and to process the absentee ballots. Section 1-6-10.2 NMSA 1978 requires reporting by precinct, which causes the need for each ballot style at each absentee voting precinct. The cost of publishing has increased with each election, especially the cost of a Spanish publication, which is required by Election Law. Contractual services cover the cost of programming the Sequoia touchscreen voting machines. The Election Expense line item covers the cost of additional early voting sites, rentals and computer set up.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The cost to conduct the 2006 Primary Election is estimated to be \$560,850 and will be paid for with year-end "clean-up" funds.

## **STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

### **COUNTY MANAGER**

I recommend board approval to transfer funding from year-end clean up. TL 5/01/06

### **DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Year-end clean up funds are necessary to cover the election costs for the 2006 primary. I recommend Board approval. JMB 5/01/06

### **DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR FINANCE**

If the budget is approved, \$560,850 will be transferred from year-end clean up line items. DM 4/28/06

### **LEGAL**

No comment required. JSL 4/26/06.

### **FINANCE**

<b>Budget</b>	Funding for the 2006 primary election will be transferred during the year-end "clean-up" process. Geri Maestas, Financial Services Administrator III 4/25/06
<b>Purchasing</b>	No comment necessary. B. Henderson, Senior Buyer 4/25/06
<b>Contracts</b>	No comment necessary. B. Henderson, Senior Buyer 4/25/06
<b>Risk Management</b>	No comment required. David A. Baca, Risk Management Administrator 4/25/06

### **ELECTED OFFICIAL/OTHERS**

#### **County Clerk**

The proposed budget is necessary to conduct the 2006 Primary Election. Mary Herrera 4/25/06